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LEGEND OF THE  
DEAD EARTH



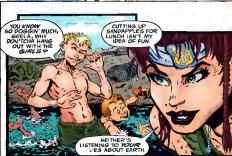
"AND THE BATMAN  
AND HIS SQUIRE  
LIVED IN THE CITY  
CALLED BATHURST  
ON THE PLANET  
CALLED EARTH

A PLANET  
THAT TURNED  
LIKE A BALL  
AROUND A  
SHADE SON

"AND WHEN  
NIGHT FELL  
ON THE CITY  
THEIR SHADOWS  
CAME OUT







THE  
CHRONOMETER  
IS HOOKED  
UP, YEA?

I ASSURE  
YOU--BZZ--IT  
IS ACCURATE TO  
THE STANDARD  
SECOND--BZZZ!

CAN'T  
DO!

THAT WOULD MEAN  
WE FELL OUT OF SPACE  
TWO THOUSAND STANDARD  
YEARS AFTER WE WENT IN

BZZ--ALMOST  
PRECISELY--BZZ--AN  
ANOMALY IN  
REAL SPACE  
WOULD BE  
THE CAUSE  
--BZZ--

HOW CAN WE  
BE SURE THERE'S  
ANYBODY PLANNED  
TO EVEN RECOVER  
OUR CARGO?

BZZ--WE  
HAVE A MORE  
URGENT CONCERN--  
BZZ--OUR SPATIAL  
ORIENTATION HAS  
NOT BEEN ADJUSTED  
TO--BZZ--YET!  
TUNE BACK!

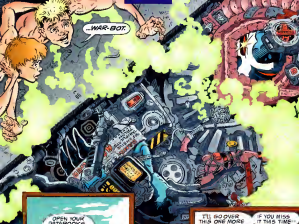
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THIS PLANET'S  
NOT EXACTLY  
WHERE THE  
ASTROLOGE  
SAID IT  
WOULD  
BE

BZZ--AS  
I STATED--







...WAR-BOT.



OPEN YOUR  
EYES TO  
PLANETARY  
GEOGRAPHY

FROM YOUR  
LATEST TEST  
CURVES IT'S OBVIOUS  
WE NEED TO RETURN  
TO BASICS



YOU ALL SEEM  
IGNORANT OF  
THE HISTORY  
LOCATION AND  
SPECIAL  
PROPERTIES OF  
THE WORLD WE  
LIVE ON



IT'S SO OVER  
THIS ONE MORE  
TIME ~~AND-AND~~

IF YOU MISS  
IT THIS TIME...

...IT'S  
YOUR  
FAULT.



TYMION REVOLVED AROUND THE DOUBLE STAR SYSTEM OF CROTONA AND ISIS IN THE GREATER AMUN SYSTEM.

HELD IN THESE CONFLICTING GRAVITATIONAL FIELDS, OUR PLANET IS HELD IN A BROAD ELLIPTICAL ORBIT.

SYBARIS, DARK GOD OF THE PLANET, ALWAYS FACES THE TWIN SUNS.

CROTONA, THE OPPOSITE HEMISPHERE, IS IN PERPETUAL NIGHT.



BETWEEN THE TWO, CAUSED BY THE EXTREME DIFFERENCES IN CLIMATE, LIES THE EQUATORIAL STORM REGION.

NO SYBARIAN HAS VISITED THE DARK GOD OF THE GLOBE IN NEARLY A THOUSAND YEARS.

THAT WAS WHEN THE LAST WAR WITH CROTONA ENDED IN A DRAW.





"THE ORIGINS OF THE  
MILLENNIUM-LOVE  
CONFLICT ARE EARLY  
UNDERSTOOD

"OUR PEOPLE HAVE OCCUPIED  
THE SUN-DRENCHED HALF OF  
TYPHON SINCE THE ARRIVAL  
OF THE FIRST COLONISTS.



"LATER ARRIVALS WERE  
LEFT TO SETTLE ON  
CROTONA AND ITS FRIEND  
AND LIFELESS LANDSCAPE.

"MUNY FED UPON ITSELF  
FOR DEMERATION UPON  
DEMERATION



"AND FINALLY THE CROTONAIDS  
LAUNCHED AN INVASION TOWARD  
OUR HEAVENSHERS

"AND IN THE VEIL OF STORMS  
THAT RINGS OUR WORLD THE  
WIND RAGED ON FOR CENTURIES

"WITH SUBARIMAN  
SCIENTISTS CREATED  
A WEAPON THAT LAD  
THE FORCE OF CHITONIA  
TO WASTE

"AND DRAFT  
THOSE BLOOD  
TO THEIR  
OWN LANDS"





GEELA?

WELL, WHO'S  
THE BEST  
GEAR JOCK  
IN THE  
GANG?

YOU GUYS  
COULDN'T EVEN FIND  
YOUR MID-YEAR TRILLS  
IN BRASS-BOX.



NO COMBOS, GEELA.  
THAT'S SCHOOL STUFF.  
WE'RE BETTER AT  
JOCKING\* WITH  
OUR ARMS.



TAKE MORE 'N' TALENT  
TO MOUSE OUT THIS  
MANUAL, DEALS.

YOU WANT THIS  
BUT RE-DATA'ED AND  
BOOKED UP RIGHT.  
THEN THE BOOK'S THE  
ONLY PLACE TO START.

AND I'M THE  
BOOKSMART  
ONE.

BUT DID  
YOU THINK OF  
THESE?

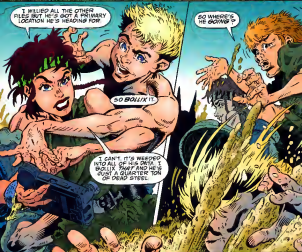












ALL RIGHT, HE'S SHUT DOWN.  
WHAT GOOD'S THAT DO?

AS SOON AS HE TURN  
MAY ON HE'S GOING TO WALK  
BACK TO HIS MASTERS.  
IT'S HIS JUDGMENT!

NOW IT'S  
HIS FATE

WHAT?

HIS FATE.  
HIS GUEST. HIS  
DESTINY.

YOU NEED  
SOME SHARP  
PEALS

HE DROPPED HERE FOR A REASON!  
HE'S GONNA GO OVER TO THE  
SUNNING SIDE AND KICK  
CROCK'S BUTT!

HE'S THE  
WARR-DART!  
HE'S THE  
BROTHERMAN!

ONLY 'CAUSE WE  
WILDED DART EARS TO  
HIS HEAD DEARLY

I WATE TO AGREE WITH  
BOOGA-DRUGGA...

YOU'RE  
BOTH POWERED!  
THIS IS THE  
ADVENTURE OF  
A LIFETIME!

THE WARR-DART'S  
GONE OVER TO THE  
SHADOWLANDS—

—AND I'M  
GOIN' WITH  
HIM.



I BROUGHT WATER  
AND OXY-BARS AND  
SHUGCRACKS AND  
CHOCNUT BUTTER  
AND----

GREAT! I GOT  
ROPE AND A MAP  
AND SOME BOOKS  
AND SUCKS AND--

DEARLY--

WHY DON'T I HAVE  
A COSTUME 'T

BECAUSE I'M  
ROBIN THERE'S ONLY  
ONE ROBIN

SO WHO  
AM I 'T

MR. YOU'RE ALFRED  
GORDON, ONE OF BATMAN'S  
FRIENDS

DEELA!

WHO INVITED  
YOU 'T

THERE WAS TWO  
MORE THAN ONE ROBIN  
ONE OF THEM WAS  
EVEN A GAYLE 'T





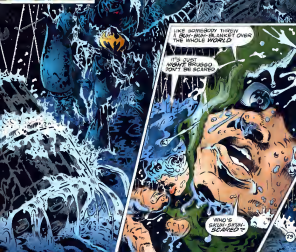
THE  
STORM  
BELT.

NO ONE'S  
CROSSED IT IN  
A THOUSAND  
YEARS.

DOO  
AH!

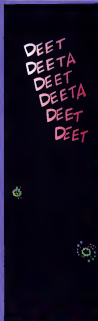
WELL...

LET'S NOT WASTE  
ANY MORE TIME GETTING  
THERE.









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ACTUAL  
AREA  
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IT'S SO  
QUIET WHERE'S  
ALL THE  
GROTES?

IT'S ALL RIGHT  
WITH ME IF WE  
DON'T SEE ANY  
GROTES

SARIT GOT  
YOU SLUGS



I'VE GOT MOVEMENT  
HERE

MOVEMENT?

SOME THINGS  
LOOKING  
LIKE  
SOME THINGS  
ARE COMING  
RIGHT FOR US.

WE KNOW  
IT TOO

HEAR



DEATH!

DIE!

LET GO!







WHERE YOU THINK HE'S GOING?

TO FIGHT EVIL, OF COURSE

TO MAKE THE CROOKS PAY FOR BRINGING BAD GUYS AND PLANNING TO TAKE OVER OUR SIDE OF THE WORLD

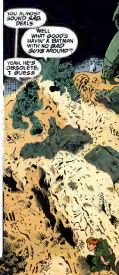
HE'S GONNA MAKE 'EM ALL PAY FOR KILLIN' HIS PARENTS

YOU THINK HE REALLY BELIEVES ALL THAT, SPEELA?

HE BELIEVES IT, ENOUGH

HE WANTS TO









MY BANSHEES ARE  
OFF THE SCALE! I COULD  
BE A PLANETQUAKE!

IT'S THE  
BAD  
GUYS!



THE JOKESTER!



SEELEY!

GET DOWN, STUPID!

I CAN'T SEE!

KEEP YOUR HEAD LOW  
THAT THING'S A KILLER!

BUT I CAN'T SEE  
THE WAY THAT!

"I WANT TO SEE HIM  
DEAD THAT MONSTER-  
BLOT MONSTER!"





WAR-BAT!



HE'S DEAD

IT WAS A WEAPON AND IT WAS FULFILLING ITS PRIMARY FUNCTION.

JUST LIKE THAT CROTONIAN MACHINES, FIGHTING FOR MASTERS THAT HAVE BEEN DEAD FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.



HE WAS A HERO.

AND YOU DIDN'T PROGRAM THAT INTO HIM. HE SAVED OUR LIVES.



HE WAS NEVER ALIVE. DEAD. HE WAS NEVER EVEN A "HE".



MAJOR, YOU'RE RIGHT. AGAIN.

GET YOUR BUTT I AM. AGAIN.

HEY!





I THINK I LIVED IT

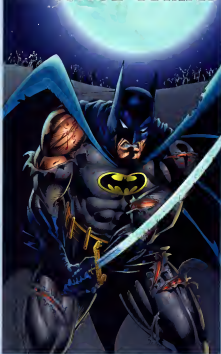
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